

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated March 14, 2006, requesting that claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 13, 16, and 17 be correctly identified. Thus, a listing of all claims 1-20 has been provided. No new matter has been added.

Conclusion

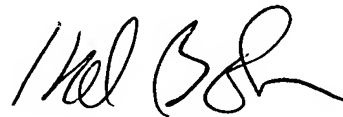
It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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